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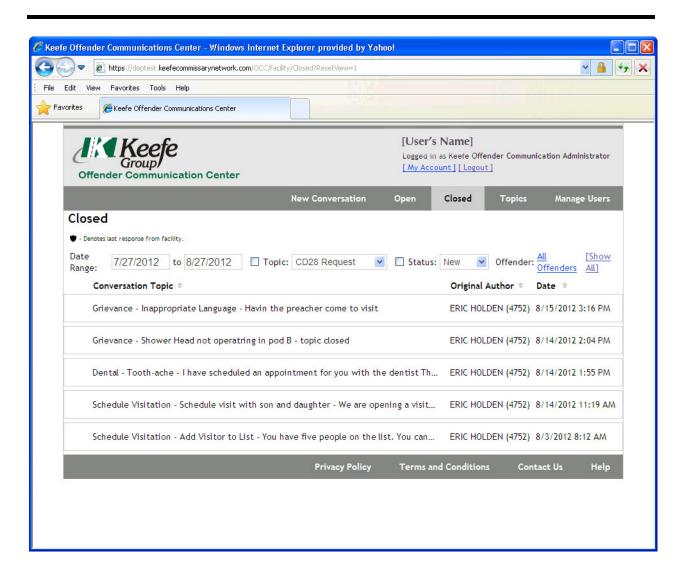


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ABOUT THE OFFENDER COMMUNICATION CENTER

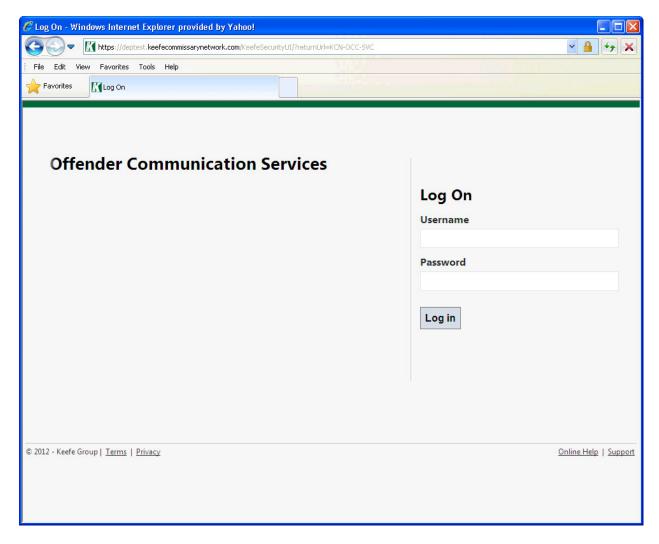
The Keefe Group Offender Communication Center allows *offenders* and *facility users* to communicate with each other through the use of a **Conversation**.

A **Conversation** is composed of one or more messages between a single offender and one or more facility users. Each conversation has a predefined **Topic**, which is initially selected when the first message in the conversation is sent. This topic ensures that the message is routed to the appropriate facility users.

The **Offender Communication Center** system is centrally hosted but is configured to support multiple facilities. Each facility's data (users, groups, offenders, topics, and conversations) will be accessible to only that facility.

FACILITY USER

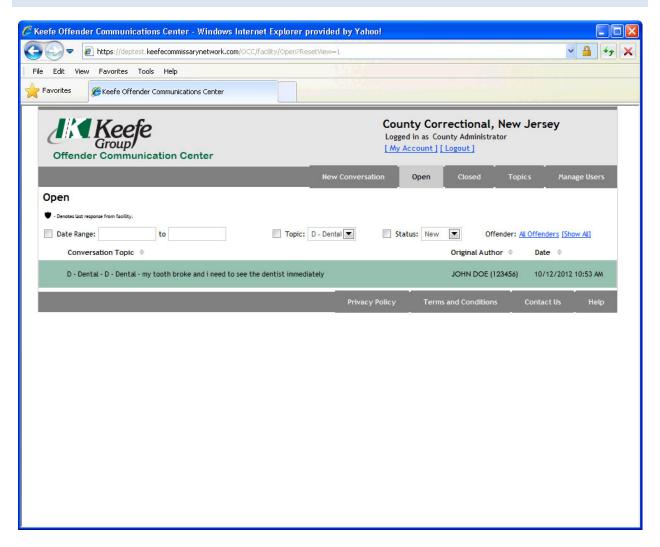
FACILITY USER LOGIN



Users must have a user name and password to access the Keefe Offender Communication Services system. User names and Passwords are assigned at the facility's discretion.

- 1. To begin, navigate to the **Offender Communication Center** website on your computer.
- 2. At the **Home** page, enter your user name.
- 3. Tab down and enter your password.
- 4. Click the **Log In** button.
- 5. The Offender Communication Center website opens to the **Open Conversations** page.

OPEN CONVERSATIONS FEATURES



The **Open Conversations** page of the Keefe Group Offender Communication Center allows facility users to view new conversations and navigate through the system's functions.

Only the most recent messages in a conversation are displayed. Messages sent in the conversation are indicated by the date and time displayed.

- Incoming unread offender messages are highlighted and marked as **New**.
- Once read, new offender messages are marked as **Read** for all users.
- Outgoing facility staff messages are marked **Replied**.
- If a facility user or offender closes a conversation, that conversation is moved from the **Open**Conversations page to the **Closed** box.
- Users can filter messages by any combination of criteria: Date Range, Topic, Status, or Offender.

• All columns in the **Open Conversations** page can be sorted.

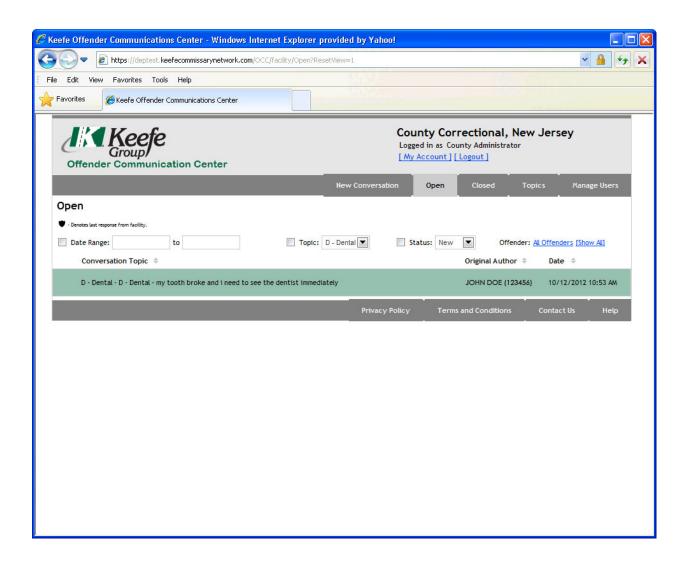
Once a user is logged in, the **Open Conversations** page displays:

- the User's Name at the top of the page,
- the group to which the user belongs (i.e., group, medical, grievance) below that,
- a link to the user's account [My Account],
- a Logout link,
- a tool bar for navigating through the system's functions,
- and a window that displays all of the user's incoming messages.

Options available at the top row main window tool bar are:

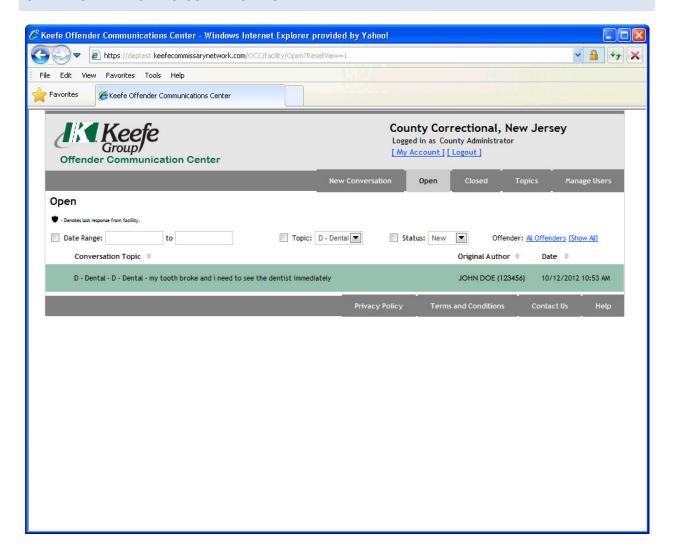
- New Conversation
- Open [an existing conversation]
- Closed view closed conversations]
- Topics [creating and editing topics]
- Manage Users [change facility user details]

WORKING IN OPEN CONVERSATIONS



- 1. At the **Open Conversations** page, access the function you wish to use by clicking on either **New Conversation**, **Open**, **Closed**, **Topics**, or **Manage Users** located at the top menu bar.
- 2. Click the **Logout** link at the top of the page to exit the program.
- 3. To read a new message, double click on the message to open it.

OPENING AN EXISTING CONVERSATION



When you log in to the Keefe Group Offender Communication Center, you are automatically defaulted to the **Open Conversations** page. To review existing conversations:

Click the **Date Range** box.

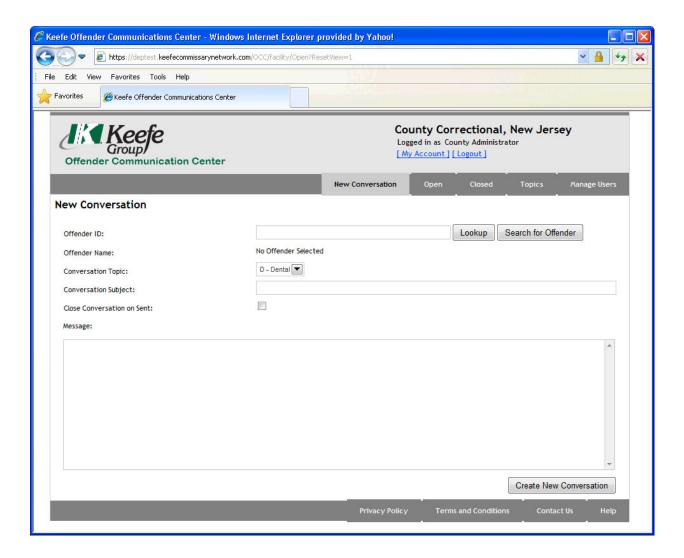
- 1. Enter a beginning date.
- 2. Tab over and enter an ending date.
- 3. Click the **Topic** button to filter search by topic.
- 4. Use the drop down arrow box to select the preset topics.
- 5. Click the **Status** box to filter search by conversation status: New, Read, Replied.

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- 6. Click **All Offenders** [to view all offender conversations].
- 7. Click **Show All** to view all conversations. All conversations are displayed in the window.
- 8. Use the scroll bar to locate the appropriate conversation.
- 9. Double click on the conversation to open for review.

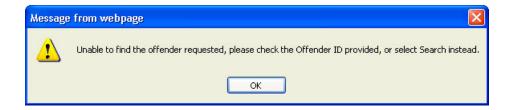
STARTING A NEW CONVERSATION

Facility users can initiate a new conversation with an offender by clicking **New Conversation** on the top row tool bar of the **Open** or **Closed Conversation** pages. Inmates are contacted by their inmate ID number or name.

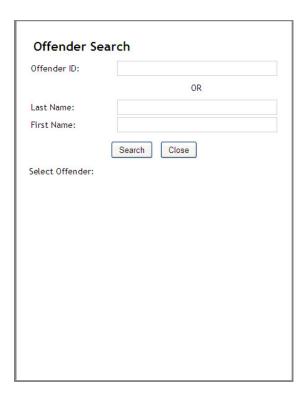


- 1. To start a conversation, locate the offender's ID number.
- 2. If you have the offender's ID number, enter the number and click the Lookup button. If the offender ID is entered in error, a message will prompt:

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- 3. Click OK.
- 4. Click the **Search for Offender** button. The **Offender Search** window opens.



- 5. Enter the last and first name of the offender.
- 6. Click the **Search** button. A list of offenders is displayed.
- 7. Double click on the offender's name to select the correct one.
- 8. Use the drop down arrow button to select the **Conversation Topic**.

NOTE: Users can select only those topics for which they are authorized.

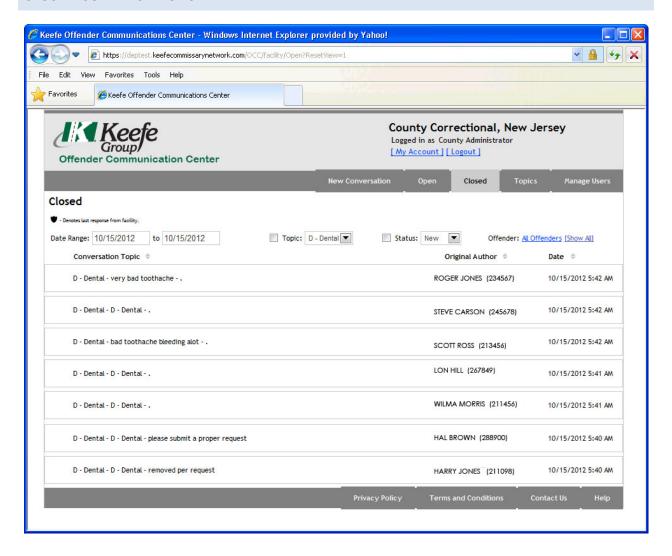
7. Create and type in the **Conversation Subject**. If no subject is entered, then the **Conversation Topic** is used for the subject.

- 8. Click the arrow box to select **Close Conversation on Sent**, and the message will be closed and unavailable to receive a response.
- 9. Type in your message.

NOTE: Facility users can elect to have the conversation closed immediately once sent, allowing for one way communication.

10. Click the **Create New Conversation** button. Your message is sent.

CLOSED CONVERSATIONS



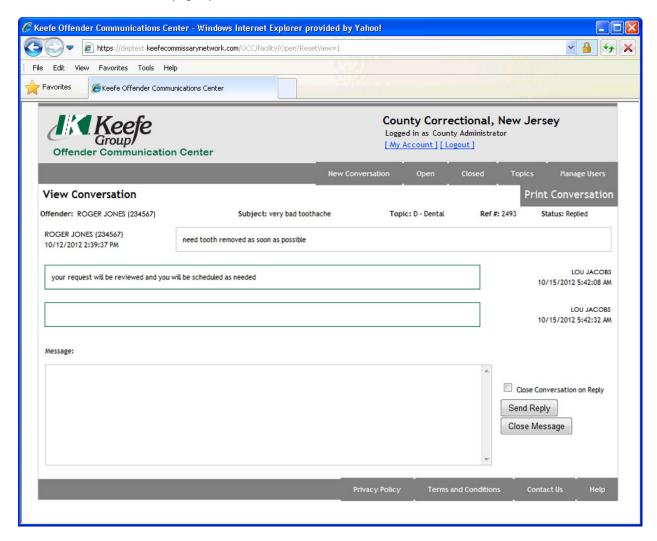
When a conversation is closed, either by the facility user or offender, the conversation is moved to the **Closed Conversations** page.

Closed conversations cannot be replied to by offenders; however, closed conversations can be replied to by facility users. Once a facility user replies to a closed conversation, that conversation reopens.

By default, only conversations closed within the last 30 days can be displayed; however, a facility may opt to configure this feature.

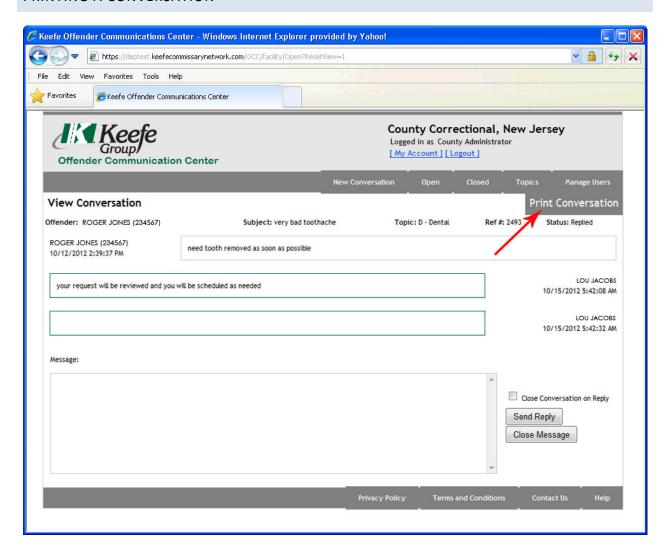
Closed conversations can be filtered by date range, topic, and offender, and all columns can be sorted. The Default sort order is by **Sent Date/Time** of the most recent message.

- 1. From the tool bar at the top of the page, click **Closed**.
- 2. At the **Closed** page, select the desired conversation and double click on the text.
- 3. The View Conversation page opens to the selected conversation.



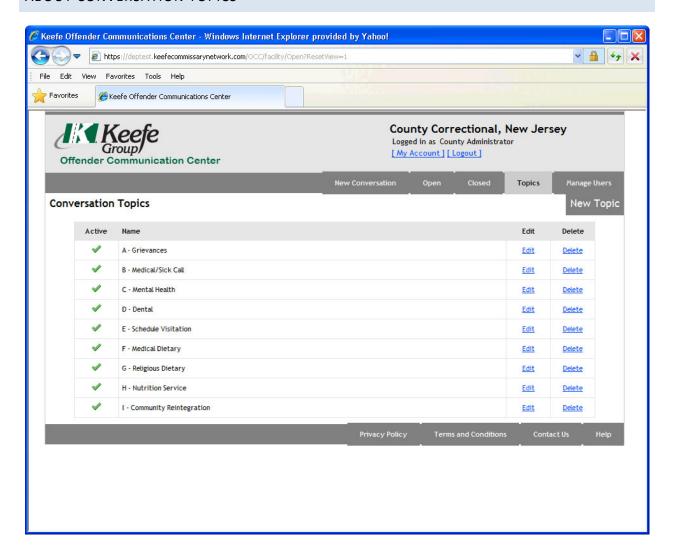
- 4. Type a message.
- 5. Click the **Closed Conversation on Reply** box if you do not want a response.
- 6. Click Send Reply button.
- 7. Click Close Message button.

PRINTING A CONVERSATION



- 1. From the tool bar at the top of the **View Conversation** page, click **Print Conversation**. The **Print** dialogue window opens.
- 2. Click the **Print** button at the bottom of the Print dialogue box. The entire inmate conversation is printed.

ABOUT CONVERSATION TOPICS

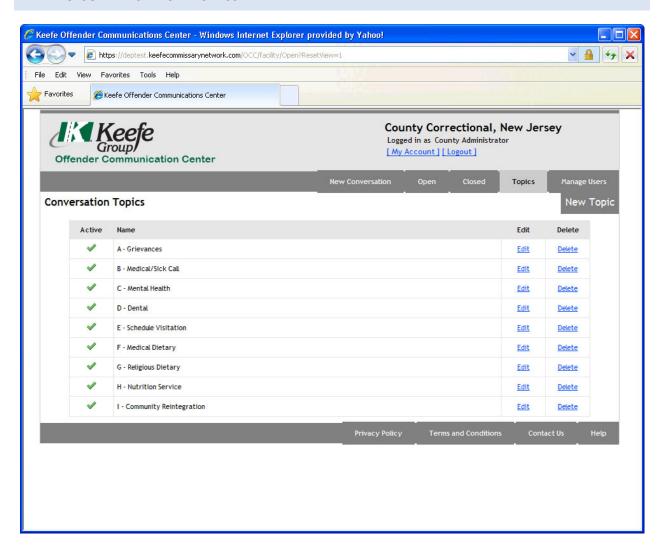


The **Conversation Topics** feature allows users to organize conversations into topics related to the facility's setup. For example, a facility may want to arrange its conversations according to requests for services such as:

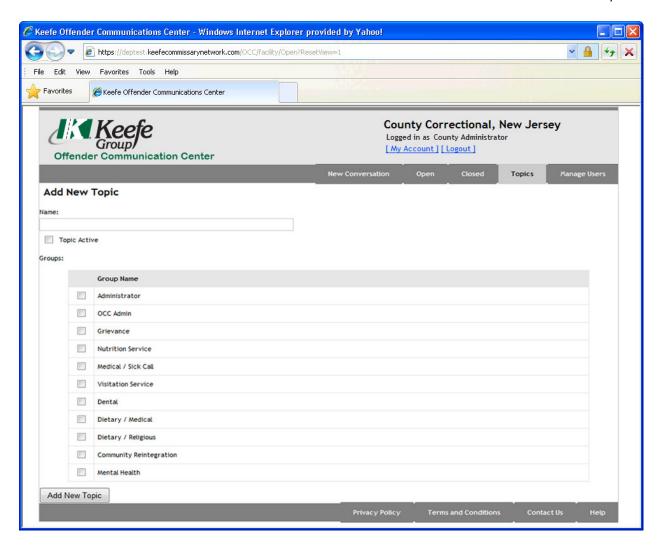
- Dental,
- Medical
- Grievances, etc.

These preset topics can them be selected from drop down menu boxes throughout the software system.

ADDING CONVERSATION TOPICS

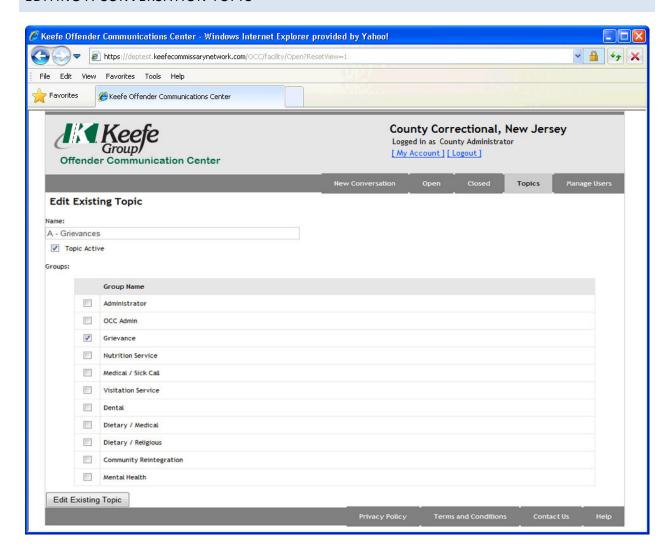


- 1. To create a new conversation topic, click on **Topics** from the top row menu bar of the **Open Conversations** page.
- 2. Click on **New Topic** at the top menu bar. The **Add New Topic** page opens.



- 3. Enter a name for the new topic (i.e. Dental, Pharmacy, etc.).
- 4. Click on the **Topic Active** box to activate the topic so that it will be displayed in the software.
- 5. To give permission for a group to use the topic, click in the box(es) next to the groups who will be authorized to access the topic.
- 6. Click the Add New Topic button.
- 7. Your new topic is added.

EDITING A CONVERSATION TOPIC

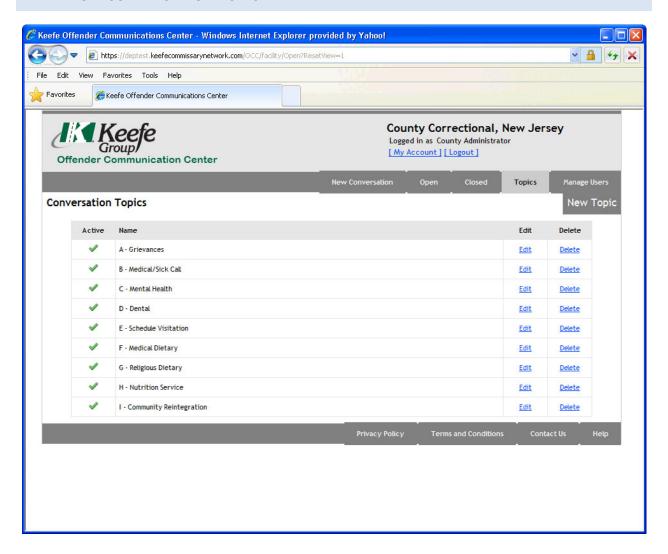


- 1. To edit an existing conversation topic, click on **Topics** from the top row menu bar at the Offender Communication Center main page. The **Conversations Topics** page opens displaying all topics available to users in the system.
- 2. Click on the Edit link in the column next to the topic you wish to edit. The Edit Existing Topic page opens.

Edits you can make:

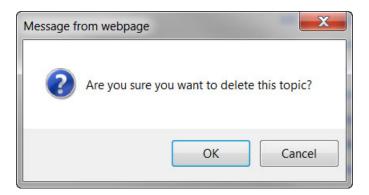
- 3. Click on the **Topic Active** box to activate or deactivate the topic.
- 4. Click in the box(es) next to the groups to modify permissions for a group to use the topic.
- 5. Click the **Edit Existing Topic** button. Your modifications are applied.

DELETING A CONVERSATION TOPIC



- To delete an existing conversation topic, click on Topics from the top row menu bar at the Open
 Conversations main page. The Conversations Topics page opens displaying all topics available to users in the system.
- 2. Click on the **Delete** link in the column next to the topic you wish to delete.

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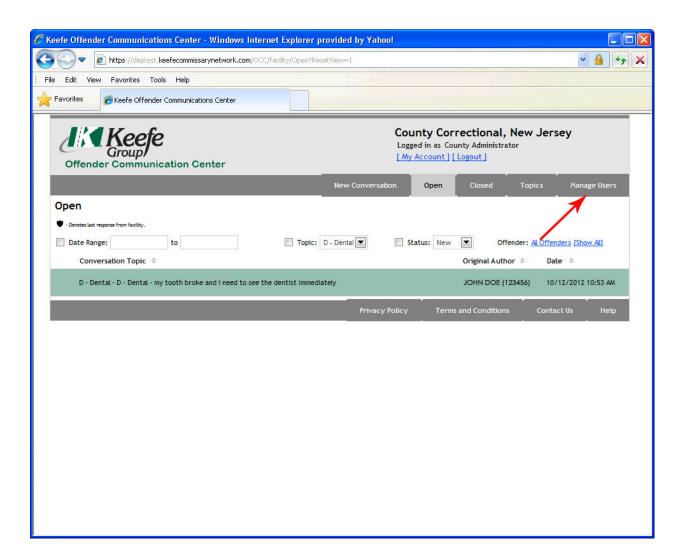


- 3. You are prompted to complete the deletion by selecting **OK** or cancelling the deletion attempt by selecting **Cancel**.
- 4. Click the **OK** button, and the topic is deleted.
- 5. Click the **Cancel** button and the topic remains.

MANAGING AN INDIVIDUAL USER ACCOUNT

A user can easily manage his or her account in the Offender Communications Center.

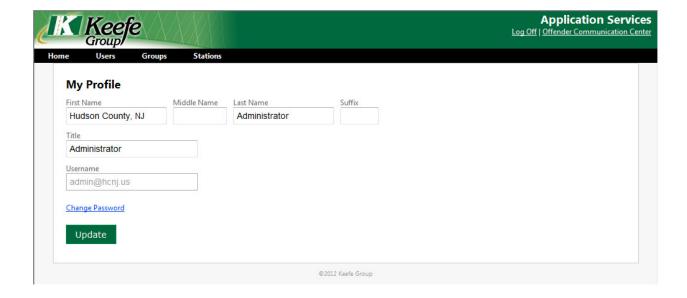
1. To change your own name, title, user name, or password, click on the **Manage Users** link from the top menu bar of the **Offender Communication Center** home page. The **Application Services Window** to the user's profile.



- 2. From My Profile window, enter or modify your name, title, and/or username.
- 3. Click the **Update** button to save changes.
- 4. To change your password, click the **Change Password** link at the bottom of the window.
- 5. Enter the current password.
- 6. Tab down and enter the new password.

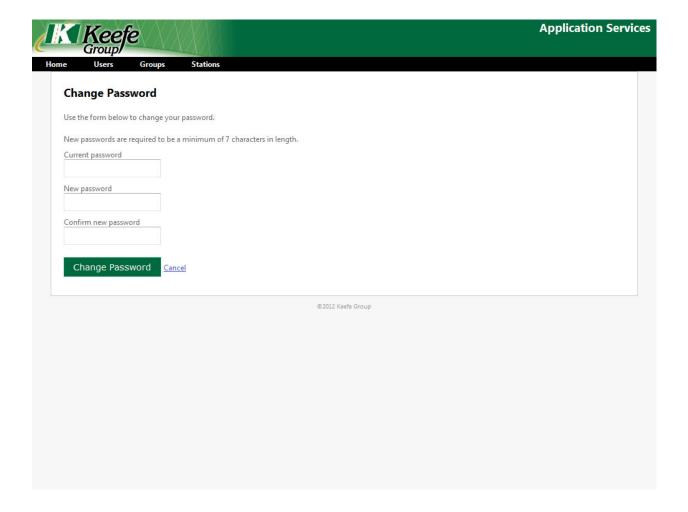
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- 7. Tab down and re-enter the new password.
- 8. Click the **Change Password** button to save the changes.
- 9. Click the **Cancel** link next to the button to stop the password change.

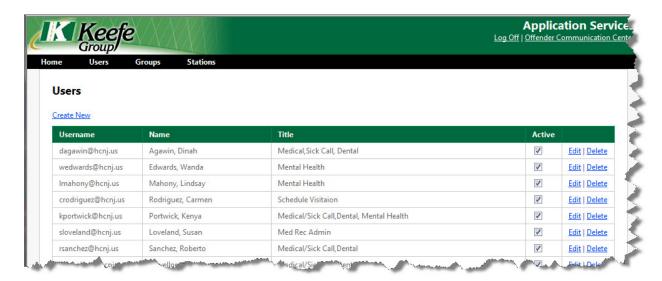


CHANGING PASSWORDS

- 1. To change a facility user password, click on the **Home** link at the top of the main page.
- 2. Click on the **Change Password** link.
- 3. At the **Change Password** page, enter current password.
- 4. Tab down and enter new password.
- 5. Tab down and re-enter new password for confirmation.
- 6. Click the **Change Password** button to accept the change.
- 7. Click the **Cancel** link to cancel changes.



ADMINISTRATOR MANAGEMENT OF USERS

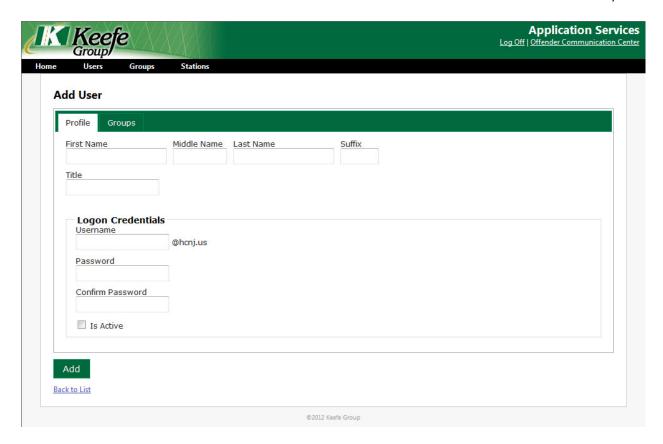


System Administrators can manage **facility user accounts** in the **Application Services** section of the Offender Communications Center.

- New users can be added.
- Existing users can be edited or deleted.
- 1. To manage system users, click on the **Manage Users** link from the top menu bar of the **Offender Communication Center** home page. The Application Services page open.
- 2. Click on the Users link in the top row menu bar.
- 3. The **Users** page opens, listing all system users.

Adding a New User

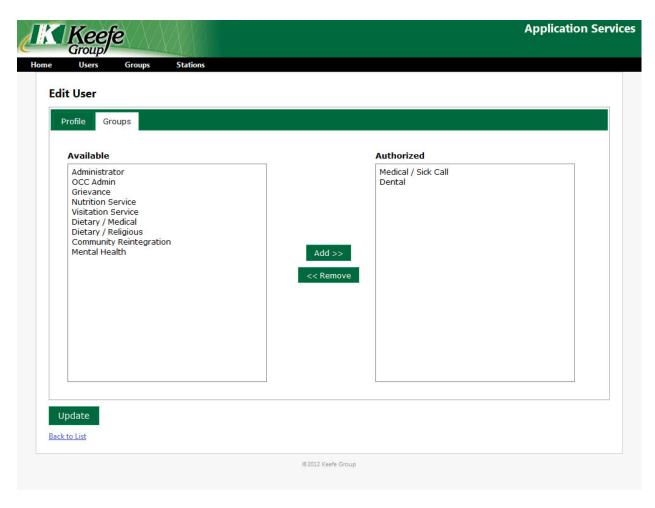
- 1. To add a new user, click the **Create New** link. The **Add User** page opens.
- 2. Under the **Profile** tab, enter the user's name and title.
- 3. Assign a user name and password. (The user can change this password later.)
- 4. Tab down and re-enter the password to confirm.
- 5. Click the Is Active box to activate the user.



- 6. Click on the Groups tab.
- 7. Add the user to a specific group by clicking to highlight that group from The **Available** column and then clicking the **Add** button between the columns to move this group to the **Authorized** column.
- 8. Click the **Add** button at the bottom of the page to save the user to the system.

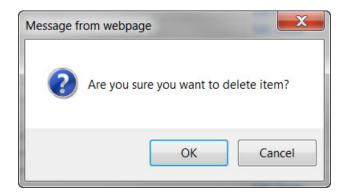
Editing Users

- 1. To edit a user, click on the **Edit** link to the right of the user name and description. The **Edit User Group** window opens.
- 2. Change any information under the **Details** tab and/or the **Authorizations** tab.
- 3. Click the **Update** button to save edits.



Deleting Users

- 1. To delete a user, click on the **Delete** link to the right of the group name and description.
- 2. You are prompted to click **OK** to delete or **Cancel** if you do not wish to delete.

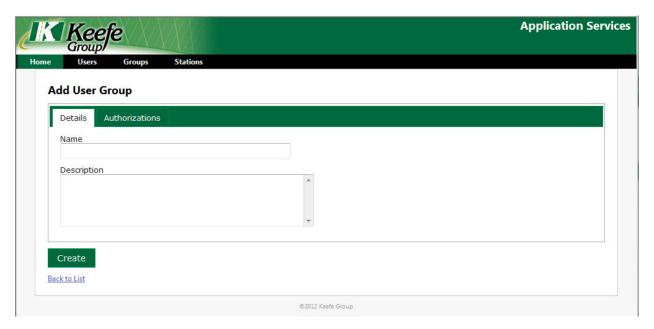


ADMINISTRATOR MANAGEMENT OF GROUPS

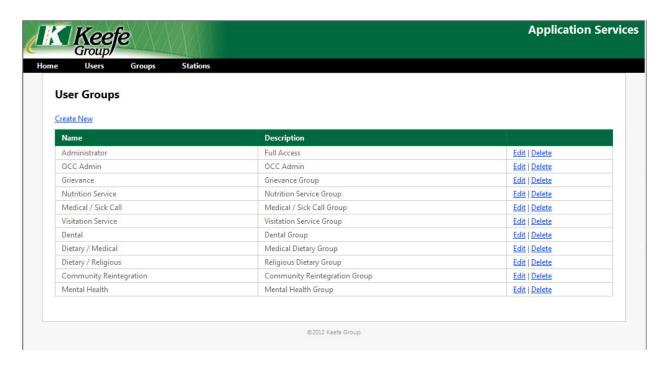
System Administrators can manage facility groups from the **Application Services** window of the Offender Communications Center.

- New user groups can be added.
- Existing user groups can be edited or deleted.

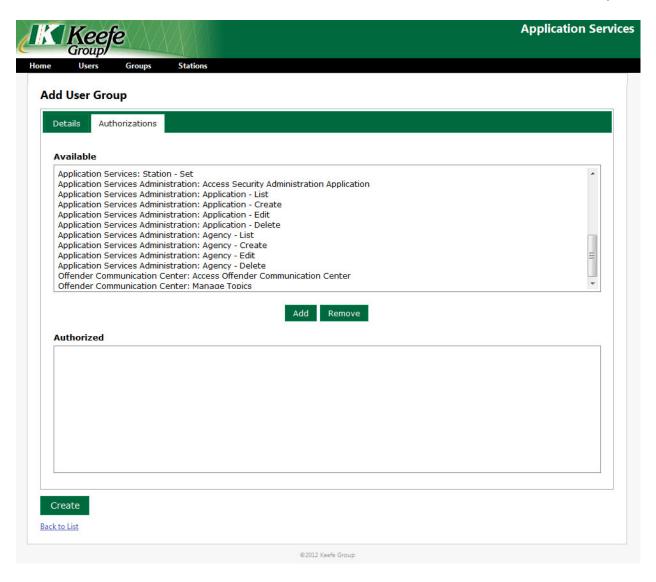
Creating and Authorizing Groups



- 1. To manage system groups, click on the **Manage Users** link from the top menu bar of the **Offender Communication Center** home page. The **Application Services** window opens.
- 2. Click on the **Groups** link in the top row menu bar. The User Group window opens, displaying all available groups by name and description.



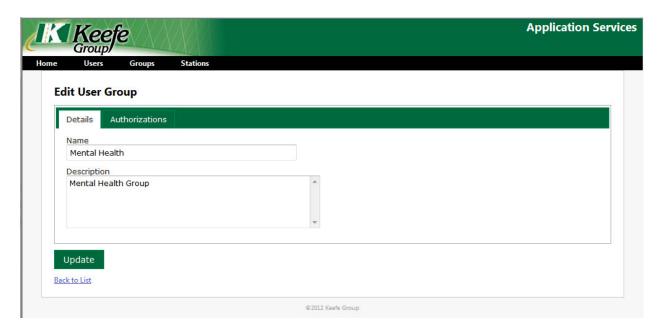
- 1. To create a new group, click the Create New link. The Add User Group window opens.
- 2. Under the **Details** tab, enter a name and description for the new group.
- 3. Click on the Authorizations tab.
- 4. Assign authorizations by clicking to highlight the preset authorization from the **Available** window and then clicking the **Add** button to add these selections to the **Authorized** window.



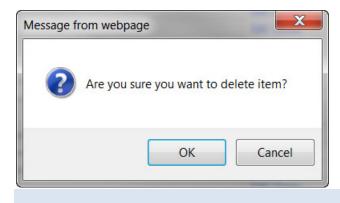
- 5. Once all authorizations are assigned, click the **Create** button at the bottom of the window. The new group is created.
- 6. Click the Back to list link to exit the Group management window without making changes.

Editing and Deleting Groups

- 1. To edit a group, click on the **Edit** link to the right of the group name and description. The **Edit User Group** window opens.
- 2. Change any information under the **Details** tab and/or the **Authorizations** tab.
- 3. Click the **Update** button to save edits.



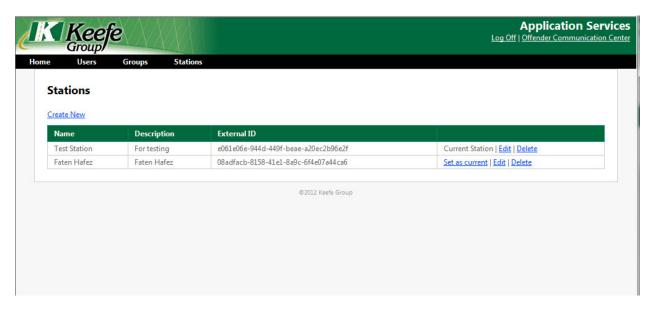
1. To delete a group, click on the **Delete** link to the right of the group name and description. You are prompted to click **OK** to delete or **Cancel** if you do not want to delete.



ADMINISTRATOR MANAGEMENT OF STATIONS

System Administrators can manage stations from the **Application Services** window of the Offender Communications Center.

- Facility stations can be created.
- Existing stations can be edited or deleted.



Creating and Authorizing Stations

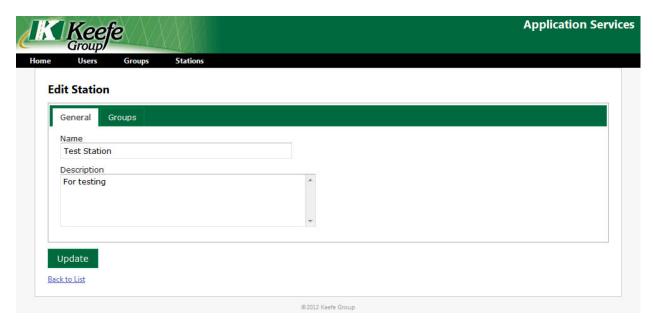
- 1. To manage stations, click on the **Manage Users** link from the top menu bar of the **Offender Communication Center** home page. The **Application Services** window opens.
- 2. Click on the **Stations** link in the top row menu bar. The Stations window opens, displaying all available stations by name, description, and external ID.
- 3. To create a facility station, click the **Create New** link. The **Add Station** window opens.
- 4. Under the **General** tab, enter a name and description for the new station.
- 5. Click on the **Groups** tab.
- 6. Assign authorizations by clicking to highlight the preset authorization from the **Available** window and then clicking the **Add** button to add these selections to the **Authorized** window.

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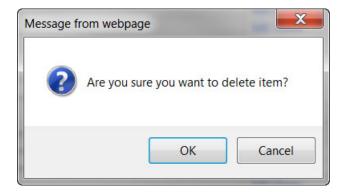
- 5. Once all authorizations are assigned, click the **Create** button at the bottom of the window. The new group is created.
- 6. Click the Back to list link to exit the Group management window without making changes.

Editing and Deleting Groups

- 1. To edit a group, click on the **Edit** link to the right of the group name and description. The **Edit User Group** window opens.
- 2. Change any information under the **Details** tab and/or the **Authorizations** tab.
- 3. Click the **Update** button to save edits.



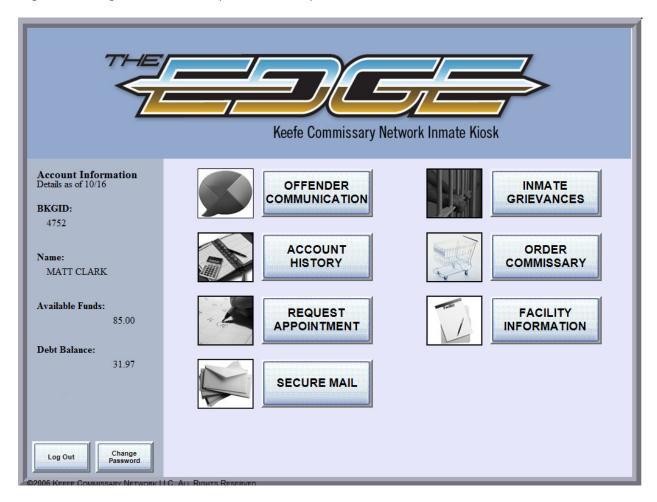
1. To delete a station, click on the **Delete** link to the right of the station name and description. You are prompted to click **OK** to delete or **Cancel** if you do not want to delete.



EDGE OFFENDER USER

OFFENDER SITE: EDGE KIOSK

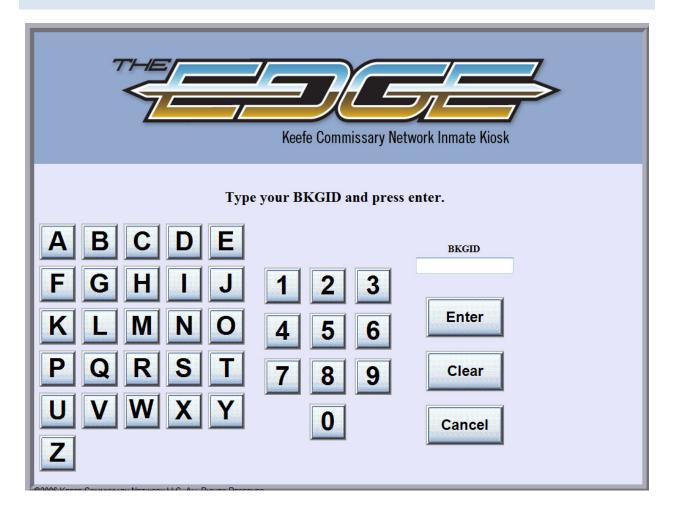
The Keefe Group Offender Communication Center allows offenders to communicate with facility staff through its Edge Kiosk. A log on user name and password are required for access.



Once logged in, the page displays only the most recent offender conversations. The Date and Time displayed is the time the most recent message in the conversation was sent.

- A conversation can have a status of Open or Closed. Offenders can view but cannot reply to a closed conversation.
- Conversations can be filtered by status (All, Open, Closed, or Active)
- All columns can be sorted. Default sort order is by Sent Date/Time on the most recent message

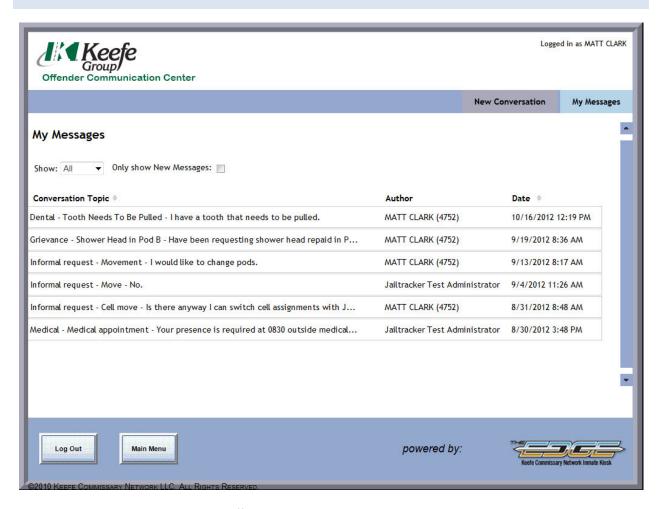
EDGE KIOSK USER LOGIN



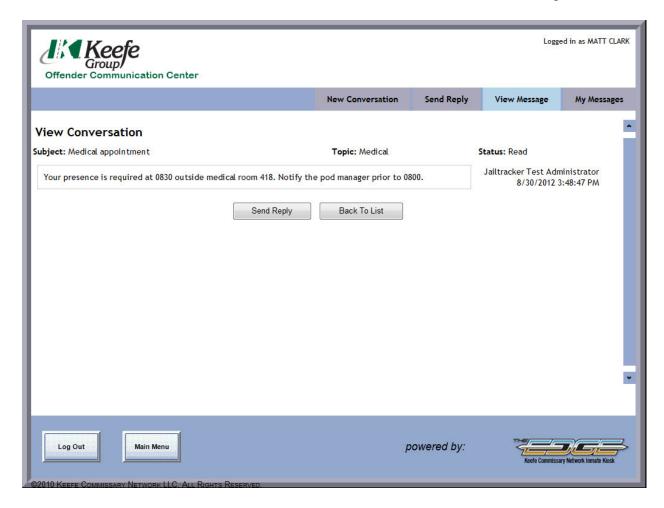
- 1. From the Edge Kiosk Home page, click English or Spanish to select your language.
- 2. Enter your identification (booking) number.
- 3. Click the **Enter** button.
- 4. Enter your password.
- 5. Click the **Enter** button. You are logged onto the Edge Inmate Kiosk. Your account information is displayed in the left column of the page.
- 6. Click on the **Offender Communicatio**n button. The Offender Communication Center page is displayed.



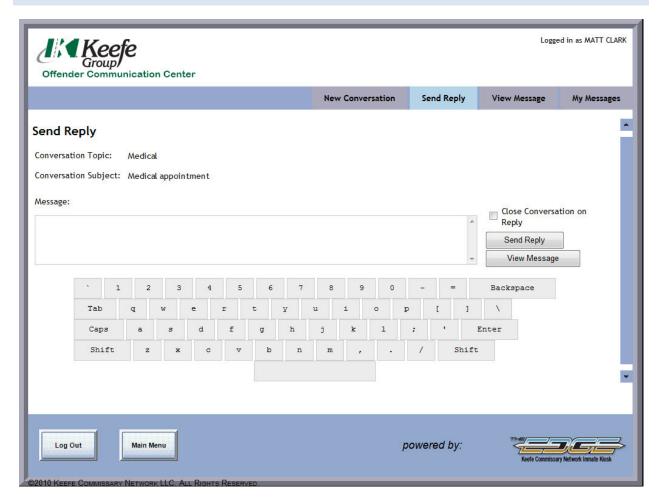
VIEWING CONVERSATIONS: MY MESSAGES



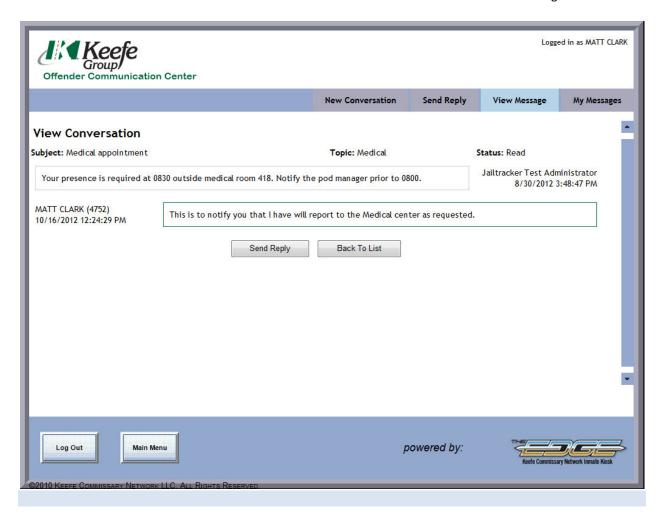
- 1. Once logged on to the Edge Kiosk Offender Communication Center, the My Messages page is displayed.
- 2. Only the most recent conversations are displayed. Messages are displayed in order, starting with the most recent.
- 3. A conversation can have a status of either **Open** or **Closed**.
- 4. Use the drop down menu tab to show the conversation status.
- 5. To view a message, click on that conversation link. This opens the View Conversation page.



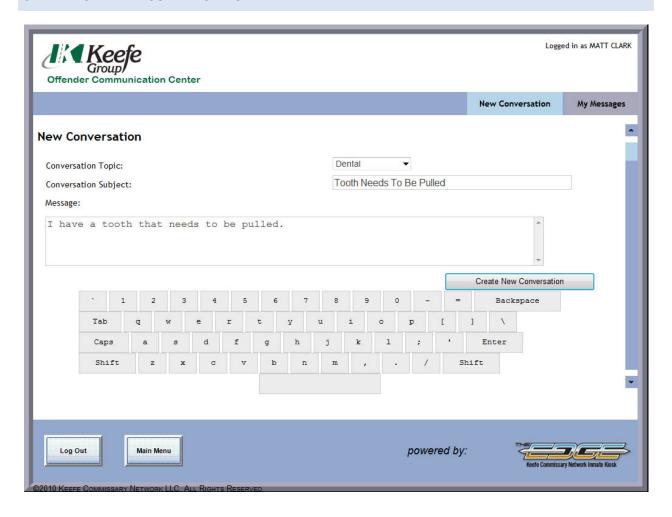
SENDING A REPLY



- 1. To reply to a conversation, click on that conversation link on the My Messages page. This opens the **View Conversation** page.
- 2. View message.
- 3. Click the **Send Reply** button. This opens the Send Reply page.
- 4. Using the keyboard, type in reply.
- 5. Use the View Message button to go back and forth between your reply and the facility message. Your draft will not be lost.
- 6. Check the **Close Conversation on Reply** box if you do not require a facility response.
- 7. Click the **Send Reply** button to send your reply.



STARTING A NEW CONVERSATION



Offenders can create a new conversation from the Offender Communication Center home page located on the Edge Kiosk.

- 1. From the Offender Communication Center home page, click **New Conversation**.
- 2. Using the drop down menu tab, select a **Topic** from the preset topics. The Conversation Topic control lists all topics for the facility. If no subject is entered, then the **Conversation Topic** is used for the subject.
- 3. Using the keyboard, type in a **Subject**.
- 4. Tab down and enter a Message.
- 5. Click the **Create New Conversation** button to send the message.
- 6. Click the **Log Out** button to log out of the system.
- 7. Click the Main Menu button to return to the main menu.